

During his longstanding service to the Board of Trustees, Mr. Joseph has been a proponent of capital development projects, including the construction of the Information Sciences Building, Liberal Arts Complex, and Schmidt Art Center at the Belleville Campus, and extensive expansions and renovations at the Red Bud and Sam Wolf Granite City campuses.

Mr. Joseph is a member of the Turkey Hill Grange, St. Paul United Church of Christ in Freeburg, Freeburg Masonic Lodge, and the Fraternal Order of Police—St. Clair County Lodge 148.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Kenneth R. Joseph for his 20 years of service as a Trustee of Southwestern Illinois College and to wish him the very best in the future.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLOOMFIELD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bloomfield Friends of the Library, located in Bloomfield Township, Essex County, New Jersey, as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary.

In 1902, the first library in Bloomfield was founded by a man named James Newbegin Jarvie. A wealthy business man, he founded the Jarvie Memorial Library in memory of his parents. At this time, the library was located in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. It remained here until 1923, when he sold the library, complete with its collections and equipment, to the Township of Bloomfield for \$60,000. Over the course of the next four years, the library moved to several different places, until finally the Board of Trustees purchased land at 90 Broad Street for \$23,000, where it remains to this day.

As the years passed, the library's collections grew, and as the collections grew so did the need for more space. In 1963, the library began planning and fundraising, and soon started construction. On September 5, 1967, the library finally reopened. The main floor of the original building was now refurbished as the Children's Library. The adult library had moved into the new addition, and the lower levels were now to be used as a meeting room and for the staff area. In 1969, the meeting room was redesigned into a theater, which is still used today for musicals, films, lectures and even children's programs.

Presently, the Bloomfield Public Library offers a wide array of services for children, teens, and adults. Here, one can research the Township's history, look up the High School's summer reading program, or look up Driving Permit Practice Tests. The Library also provides accommodations for the physically and visually impaired and for those with reading disabilities, among its many other services.

Behind the scenes, keeping all of this running over the last 80 years, has been the Bloomfield Friends of the Library. As a matter of fact, in 1935, the Bloomfield Friends of the Library was the first in a public library in the East to be established, and they are the oldest Friends of the Library east of the Mississippi.

The Library's public relation's director, Helen Scherff Taylor, presented the idea as she thought it would inspire more library services to the community. She was right, and the idea spread to the Bloomfield Chapter of the American Association of University Women and to the Women's Club of Bloomfield who decided to sponsor the Friends of the Library. Less than a year later, the organization had their first meeting.

Today, the Bloomfield Friends of the Library continually works to assist the library to provide and improve its facilities and services to the residents of Bloomfield. Some of their recent accomplishments include donations for the purchase of books for both the Adult and Children's Libraries, donations for the Audio-visual Department for the purchase of tapes and DVDs, and donations for equipment such as computers, appliances, and copiers. It is also thanks to these donations that the library is open on Sundays.

It is through the tireless work of the Bloomfield Friends of the Library that the Township of Bloomfield and its residents continue to enjoy the Bloomfield Public Library.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bloomfield Friends of the Public Library as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wasco Union High School District in honor of its centennial.

In 1915, people from the Cleveland, Maple, Poplar, Wildwood, and Semitropic, and Wasco Elementary School Districts voted to form the Wasco Union High School District in their community. Wasco High School operated out of a rented auditorium-like building known as Wasco Hall and enrolled twenty-eight students during its first year. In December 1915, the district purchased a fifteen acre school site at Trogon's Corner. Construction began at this site in August 1916 and was completed in March 1917. Since the construction of the "Main Building" several new buildings have been added to the campus and the student body has grown tremendously.

Wasco Union High School District is now one of the largest high school districts in Kern County and covers approximately seven hundred and fifty square miles. The curriculum is heavily focused on vocational and agricultural skills and boasts a one hundred and ten acre school farm where students can take classes in welding, agriculture mechanics, plant science, and animal care.

Over the past century, the Wasco Union High School District has helped Central Valley children reach their full potential and become active and prosperous members of their communities. The city of Wasco and Kern County as a whole are fortunate to have such a committed and successful academic institution at their disposal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Wasco Union High School District's centennial.

THE SELECTION OF DR. PAUL L. MODRICH AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Paul L. Modrich, James B. Duke Professor of Biochemistry at Duke University, on winning the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

As a young man growing up in a small town in northern New Mexico, Dr. Modrich was instilled with a curiosity and love of the natural world. When he was a junior in high school, Dr. Modrich's father who taught high school biology, sparked his curiosity in science by suggesting that he learn more about DNA.

Dr. Modrich went on to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he received his undergraduate degree in 1968. It was at MIT while working in a lab that studied the genetics of viruses that infect bacteria, that he became interested in molecular genetics. After MIT, Dr. Modrich matriculated at Stanford University where he obtained a Ph.D. in 1973.

Since then, Dr. Modrich has spent his career studying how organisms prevent the occurrence of mutations in their genetic material. This research has led to discovering crucial insights into how a living cell functions, about the molecular causes of several hereditary diseases, and about mechanisms behind cancer development. This research has also contributed to better understanding exactly how DNA is damaged and has led to advancements in cancer treatments.

The 114-year-old Nobel award, regarded as the most prestigious prize for chemistry research, is given to recipients whose discoveries have conferred the greatest benefit to mankind. In his current post as a Professor of Biochemistry and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, Dr. Modrich continues a life of service through research that has improved the lives of individuals.

Dr. Modrich believes in and is a testament to the importance of curiosity-based research. He has demonstrated time and again that basic research leads to unanticipated results which have value for saving and improving the quality of lives.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Modrich has spent his career on the forefront of groundbreaking research that will surely continue to benefit health outcomes for all people. I am so pleased that he is being recognized for his truly amazing work. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Paul L. Modrich for winning the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

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HON. DAVID YOUNG

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Merrill